

Issues and Recommendations

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No. 1 -- OXCART

Issue:

Whether or not funds should be included in the FY'69 budget for an extension of OXCART into or through FY'69. Is there sufficient confidence at this time that OXCART will cease flying by 31 March 1968, or is it more likely that at least another extension will be granted or the program be continued indefinitely.

Recommendation:

There is no new data available on the reasons for an extension of OXCART which have not been given to members of ExCom. We do not believe that the FY'69 budget should be increased at this time for the possible extension of OXCART; however, it should be recognized that it is a distinct possibility, and if it occurs reprogramming action will be necessary.

No. 2 --TAGBOARD Drones

Issue:

Whether or not NRO should budget for a purchase of 12 drones and associated cameras in FY'69 or purchase no drones in FY'69.

Recommendation:

You supported the TAGBOARD project the last time it was brought up at an ExCom meeting; however, since there has been a FY'68 buy of 12 drones and since we have doubt about the operational use of this system, we recommend a zero buy for this year. It should be pointed out, however, that this program has been dear to the heart of DOD and if Mr. Nitze still has a strong feeling for the project we don't believe you should take too firm a stand against procurement of 12 drones in FY'69.

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No. 9 -- Advanced Aircraft

Issue:

At what rate should advanced aircraft or drone-like high performance reconnaissance capability be developed and, also, should such development be continued as part of the NRP.

Recommendation:

I recommend that there be continued R&D in the advanced aircraft field and that it be conducted under the NRP. It should, however, be limited to feasibility studies and monitoring of advances in technology. No decision should be made at this time for active development of advanced aircraft or drones.

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